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DURHAM, N.H. – At the University of New Hampshire's 137th commencement ceremonies today, former U.S. Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton addressed a crowd of approximately 22,000 graduates and guests.

At the morning ceremony in Cowell Stadium, the university awarded approximately 2,200 bachelor's degrees, seven associate's degrees, 400 master's degrees, and 38 doctorate degrees. A total of 4,056 undergraduate and graduate students – including those who did not attend today's ceremonies – received degrees.

Honorary degrees went to Clinton and Bush, as well as to James Thomson, president and CEO of RAND Corporation; and John LaMattina, senior vice president of Pfizer Inc. and president of Pfizer Global Research and Development. George Bald, commissioner of the N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development, and James Squires, president of the Endowment for Health, received the Granite State Award for outstanding community service.

UNH Interim President J. Bonnie Newman delivered opening remarks and presided over the conferring of degrees, honorary degrees, and awards. Governor John Lynch issued a greeting from the State of New Hampshire, and Sean Kelly '07, president of the student body, also addressed the graduates and their guests.

A Webcast of the commencement ceremonies is archived at www.unh.edu.

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